

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**In the Specification:**

Please amend Paragraph 87 of the Substitute Specification (Page 17, clean version) as follows:

Fig. 5 shows a section through the document of value 1 along the line B - B. In this case in the area of the laser marking 4 is disposed a coating in the form of a security element 3, the security element 3 consisting of a transfer element. The transfer element is fastened to the document of value 1 by means of an adhesive layer 31. Between the adhesive layer 31 and a plastic layer, in particular lacquer layer 33, is located a metal layer 32. This metal layer 32 is missing in the area of the laser marking 4. During the inscription process with the laser the metal layer 32 is vaporized and/ or disintegrated and is no longer visible. The colour alteration 7 caused by the laser inscription, therefore, is visible through the lacquer layer 33 and the adhesive layer 31. The inscription parameters can be adjusted in such a way, that the area, in which the metal layer 32 is removed, is larger than the partial area provided with the tangible marking 8. Thus the visible colour alteration or blackening produced by the laser is surrounded by a transparent area.

Please amend Paragraph 110 of the Substitute Specification (Page 22, clean version) as follows:

Fig. 12 shows an embodiment of the inventive apparatus, in which a sheet 40 is simultaneously provided with inventive markings with the help of a multitude of lasers. In the shown case the sheet 40 has six columns and six rows, i.e., on this sheet 40, thirty-six (36) single copies 41 of documents of value are disposed. For each column a laser tube 42 is disposed above the printing sheet, the said laser tube 42 providing the single copies 41 disposed in the respective column with the inventive marking. With the help of this arrangement the throughput can be strongly increased, because one single laser beam needs not to be moved over the entire printing sheet, and instead only one movement in parallel to the columns of the printing sheet is required. The inscription of the individual copies is effected via a deflection of the laser radiation by means of mirrors, which in the shown example are not represented. Additionally, the lasers can be provided with a scanning head 43.